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E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: MASS, RP
SUBJECT: FY 1977 FMS FINANCING PROGRAM

REF: STATE 305465

1. EMBASSY DELIVERED NOTE TO DFA DECEMBER 22, INFORMING
GOP OF AVAILABILITY OF FY 1977 FMS FINANCING AND REQUEST-
ING DESCRIPTION OF ITEMS IT PLANS PROCURE WITH FMS FINANCING.

2. INITIALLY DND/AFP HAD EARMARKED ENTIRE \$20 MILLION
IN FY 1977 FMS CREDITS (AS WELL AS \$7 MILLION RESIDUAL
FY 1976 FMS CREDITS) FOR PURCHASE OF 11 F-5E'S. LOA FOR
F-5E PURCHASE PRESENTLY UNDER REVIEW BY GOP; DND ON DECEMBER
20 ASKED FOR EXTENSION OF LOA BEYOND EXPIRATION DATE OF
JANUARY 3 IN ORDER TO MAKE COMPARATIVE EVALUATION OF F-5E
AND ALTERNATIVE COMBAT AIRCRAFT SUCH AS F-8H AND A-4C.
IT APPEARS THAT THIS EVALUATION WILL ULTIMATELY DETERMINE
TYPE OF AIRCRAFT GOP WILL PURCHASE. REGARDLESS OF TYPE
SELECTED, WE ANTICIPATE AIRCRAFT PURCHASE WILL BE GOP'S
FIRST PRIORITY FOR USE OF FY 77 FMS CREDITS.

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3. JUSMAG IS FOLLOWING UP GOP'S REQUEST FOR EXTENSION
OF LOA THROUGH DEFENSE CHANNELS. WILL ADVISE ANY FURTHER
DEVELOPMENTS.
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